Bombing of Indian Embassy building in Lima

1801. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six embassies in Lima, including India's were bombed recently by the leftist guerillas;

(b) if so, what is the total number of Indian official killed;

(c) whether any damage to the Embassy building was caused;

(d) whether any protest was lodged with the Peru Government;

(e) whether any compensation has been asked for from that Government; if so, what was the reaction of that Government; and

(f) what is the reaction of the Indian Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Simultaneously in addition to our Embassy Chancery attacks by dynamite explosive were reported on the Embassies of USA, FRG, China, Argentina, Spain and U.K.

(b) None.

(c) Yes, Sr.

(d) No, Sir. It may be noted that the attacks had been carried out by unidentified terrorists and the Government of Peru had conveyed their regrets and extended full support to strengthen the security arrangements of the Indian Embassy premises.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) We have friendly relations with Peru, a fellow-member of the Non-aligned Movement, and such reprehensible actions by some misguided elements in that country should not affect these relations.

Handing over to India extremist Sikhs arrested in Canada

1802. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Government of Canada has taken steps to check activities of Sikhs in that country;

(b) what is the number of extremist Sikhs involved in anti-India activities in Canada who have been arrested; and

(c) whether all of them have been handed over to the Government of India for taking action against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Some recent steps taken by the Government of Canada to counter the activities of Sikh extremists based in Canada are the extension of Part II of the Canadian Extradition Act to India as of October 31, 1985 enabling Government of India to seek extradition of persons convicted or charged with offenses in India committed after October 31, 1985 who are found to be in Canada; the lifting of the moratorium on the removal from Canada of Indian nationals who are in contravention of the Immigration Act; and a proposal to conclude an Extradition Treaty with India.

(b) The number of Sikhs involved in anti-India activities in Canada constitute a small minority of the immigrant community of Indian origin in Canada. According to available information, about 8 extremists have been arrested on different occasions for violations of Canadian Law; and

(c) No, Sir.